

The Tidewater Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

April 12th, 2009

The meeting was held at Norview United Methodist Church and was opened by the Chair, John J. at 2:00 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

READING of the following: Statement of Purpose – Paul, 12 Traditions – Chuck, 12 Concepts – Ben

ROLL CALL: 43 GSR's were present; Quorum established

Administrative Committee Members:

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| Chair | John J. /present 10/10 |
| Vice-Chair | Mark W./ present 1/1 |
| Treasurer | Geoff L./present 10/10 |
| Assistant Treasurer | Dee Dee /present 9/9 |
| Policy Char | Julie C. /present 9/10 |
| Secretary | Joe B. / present 9/10 |
| Assistant Secretary | Chuck S/ present 2/2 |
| RCM | Tim B. / present 1/1 |
| Alternate RCM | Vacant |
| VRCC | Billy T. / present 3/4 |
| Alternate VRCC | Christ / present 1/1 |

Sub-Committee Chairs:

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| Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) | Kathy / absent 4/8 |
| Public Relations (PR) | Denise B./ absent 5/7 |
| Special Events | Perry C. / present 9/10 |
| Convention | Jerri B. / absent 1/2 |
| Literature | Travis B. / present 10/10 |
| Assistant Literature Chair | Rachel B. / present 10/10 |

Introduction of New GSR's: Mary P Sunday Sanity/ Alt GSR : Robert . Sunday Sanity/ John F. End of the Night / Shelly H. Life & Hope Line/ Shirley J. It's About Time/ Alt. GSR Kenny W. Better by the Bay/ Billy T. Freedom Group

Motion Made to Approve Minutes: By Billy T. 35 for/ 0 against/ 0 abstain

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chair John J. 4/12/09 –

Hello family, once again I'm grateful to be of service. I wanted to let the Area know that We Will Be Holding Nominees for the Executive Committee next month. ILS, John J.

Vice-Chair Mark W

Hey Family, I'm Mark W, and I just wanted to thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve this this fellowship. I will do the very best job that I can to fulfill my new responsibility as Vice Chair.

We held a budget meeting @ noon today with 10 members in attendance. Two line items were changed. The alternate VRCC now has a \$35 per trip reimbursement. The phone line service has been increased from \$70 to \$92 per month. There are two line items totaling \$150 per month (Idearc and Metrotel) which are being researched to see if they are surplus and can be eliminated or reduced. I also wish to report that we once again have a prudent reserve. Our Treasurer, Geoff L. will give more info on this. The next budget meeting is scheduled for 12 noon on June 14th. ILS Mark W.

Treasurer Geoff L. 4/12/09

Our opening balance for the period was \$4, 096.77. Our income totaled \$7,083.13 and our expenses totaled \$6,916.30 which includes the \$4,787.53 error reported last month. Our new balance is \$4,263.60.

All bills have been paid with the exception of one. The Free State Region literature bill from March was held to keep the account from dipping into our prudent reserve. The Free State Region would not allow our literature committee to make their April order, so I paid the March bill with my personal credit card. I will not reimburse myself until I can do so without our prudent reserve being compromised. I also went back through the last six months examining our bank statements for any other errors I might have made. I found none. ILS, Geoff L. Treasurer

Balance Sheet and Group Donations: No Handout

Assistant Treasurer Dee Dee 4/12/09- No Written Report

Secretary Joe B. 4/12/09

Dear Tascna family, hope all is going well. I apologise for being late. I mailed out copies of the minutes thismonth. If you did not receive them either by e-mail or regular mail please check your information in the address book that should be going around now.

Chuck has been a great help and together we should be able to get the minutes out sooner. Please remember that the minutes are posted on the tidewater area web page, so if all else fails you can print them off of the website. Also, we have created a tidewater secretary's e-mail address. The address is www.tidewatersecretary@gmail.com, so please email me there with any questions or reports. Thanks for allowing me to serve. ILS, Joe B. One Kanobe

Assistant Secretary Chuck S 4/12/09

Hello Family, Joe B. and I were looking into getting the new e-mail address on the Area website. The webmaster stated that we may already have one established. We'll look into this, but the body should be able to e-mail the Sec. though the website shortly. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. ILS, Chuck S.

Policy Chair: Julie C. 4/12/09

9 addicts attended the policy meeting last month. We are in the process of organizing the policy manual into a readable format. Anyone that wants to help is welcome to attend the policy meetings. Anyone needing a copy of the current policy e-mailed to them please see me after area. I apologize for not e-mailing anyone from last month. Also, I do not have any printed copies with me. ILS, Julie C.

RCM –Tim B. 4/12/09

I'd like to say thanks for allowing me to serve,. I look forward to this entire year of carrying our areas group conscience to the RSC and bringing back to you the events going on in our region. I'd like to say I will be attending the 138th RSC next Sat. & Sun. (April 18th-19th), in Williamsburg. This will be a two day with the RCS meeting on Sat. and the 7th Annual GSR Assembly taking place on Sun. at the America's Best Inn and Suites. (1600 Richmond Rd. in Williamsburg.) There are 7 motions that went back to groups for our group conscience that we will vote on today for me to take back to the RSC. Thanks again. Tim B.

Alt RCM – Vacant**VRCC Billy T. 4/12/09- No written report****Alt. VRCC Chris 4/12/09- No written report****SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS****Literature Chair Travis B. 4/12/09**

I am an addict, my name is Travis. We had a big month in sales for March. Literature sales were \$1,237.05 in total sales. Again, this months order was filled by another supplier because of the slow response and delivery of the world services literature provider. The new provider was prompt on delivery and had all the supplies needed to fill the order. There is nothing new to report as far as prices or products is concerned. Thank you, and it's always an honor to serve. Travis B,

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Cathy K. 4/12/09 – No written report**Public Relations (PR) Denise B 4/12/09 - No written report****Convention Chair Jerri B. 4/12/09 - No written report****Special Events Perry C. 4/12/09**

Special Events would like to thank the fellowship for participating in the bowling activity on Thurs. March 26th. Over 45 people attended. We are finalising a spring outdoor fundraising event with food, fun, and fellowship for May 30th. The location, flyer's, and other information will follow at next area. TFLS Perry C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/12/09

4/24/09 Martin C. 19yrs Better Days
 5/4/09 Lisa B. 20yrs Just for the Day
 5/11/09 Willford 4yrs Just for the Day
 5/18/09 Walter H. 4yrs Just for the Day
 4/29/09 Chelsea F 4yrs End of the Night
 5/4/09 End of the Nights 4th Annual Eating Meeting 9.30 with meeting at 10.35 (Please Bring a dish)

4/19/09 Sherri A. 1yr Freedom of Choice
 4/30/09 Andy H. 2yrs Choose Life

The Merchandising Committee is still selling last years convention T-shirts/ coffee cups/ thermos coffee mugs (Very Cheap!)

4/18/09 Chris N. Life & Hopeline
 5/23/09 Marvin C. Life & Hopeline
 5/12/09 Leon A. 6yrs We Can Change
 4/21/09 Leo 2yrs We can Change
 4/15/09 Gil 1yr Morning Meditation
 4/19/09 Al M. 9yrs We Need a Meeting
 4/19/09 Shwanda W. 11yrs It's About Time
 4/26/09 Gerry B. 19yrs We Need a Meeting

5/2/09 Melvin 20yrs Morning Meditation
 5/24/09 Rita F. 21yrs Coffee Hour (Wash. DC)
 4/13/09 Kenneth V. 1yr Help Me Think
 4/27/09 Kathy K. Help Me Think
 5/17/09 Mike J. 17yrs Mixed Group
 5/1/09 Larry 6yrs Road Less Traveled
 4/24/09 Martin C. 19yrs Better Days
 5/25/09 Earl W. 4yrs Sunday Sanity
 4/17/09 Kevin F. 4yrs Kempsville Crossroads

OLD BUSINESS

Billy T was acimated into the VRCC position in January 2009 per policy

Motion: To look into the feasibility of putting on the 29th AVCNA in 2011 by appointing an ad-hoc committee. Intent: To bring our state convention back to the largest Area and get involved. Maker: Living the Program.

Results: 30 for / 2 against / 2 abstentions Passed Tim B named ad-hoc chair.

Nomination for Alt RCM: Terry H **Results:** Elected

Regional Motions voted on at TASNCA:

Motion 135-3 Results 20 for / 3 against / 7 abstentions Passed
 Motion 137-7 Results 30 for / 0 against / 4 abstentions Passed
 Motion 137-8 Results 31 for / 0 against / 2 abstentions Passed
 Motion 137-9 Results 28 for / 3 against / 3 abstentions Passed
 Motion 137-10 Results 30 for / 1 against / 3 abstentions Passed
 Motion 137-12 Results 30 for / 3 against / 3 abstentions Passed
 Motion 137-13 Amended Results 19 for / 7 against / 7 abstentions Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Special Events, Seconded By Mary Ann L., Change section I E. 1. to read “An annual fundraiser of the ASC to benefit an NA convention as outlined in The Guide to Local Service.” **Intent:** To update our annual fundraising policy to allow more diversity in service. Motioned to go back to home groups, **Results:** 8 for / 15 against / 0 abstentions - **Goes back to homegroups.**

Motion made by Recovery on the Hill, To reword the motion passed last Area that TACNA cannot deny entrance to any addict for main speaker meetings, to TACNA cannot deny entrance to any new commers. **Intent:** to allow all newcomers to hear the message being delivered at Conventions. **Results:** 1 for / 18 against / 13 abstentions - **Failed**

Motion made by Junks and Drunks, To help pay past due rent at church on 9th Bay \$33 balance rent. **Intent:** past due rent not able to make it up. **Results:** 21 for / 0 against / 3 abstentions

Motion made by Freedom of Choice, To for an ad hoc committee to organize currently policy manual using other areas policy manuals as a guide to have consistant and cohesive policy manual for our Area. **Intent:** organize policy manual.

Results 19 for / 0 against / 1 abstention Jim named adhoc chair.

Next Area Service Meeting:

May 10, 2009 at 2:00 pm

Policy Meeting after Area Service

Norview United Methodist Church; 1112 Norview Ave; Norfolk, VA